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1. TEXT REF A IS ACCEPTABLE AS BASIS OF NEGOTIATION WITH
SOVIETS. PARA FIVE IN PARTICULAR IS IMPROVEMENT OVER
PREVIOUS VERSIONS DISCUSSED REFTELS B, C AND D, AND WE AGREE
THERE IS NO NEED TO PUSH ISSUES RAISED BY THOSE VERSIONS

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UNLESS THEY REAPPEAR IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DROPPING OF REFERENCE IN PARA FIVE TO FACILITATING MEETINGS BETWEEN GROUPS, THUS LEAVING EMPHASIS SOLELY ON TRAVEL, SHOULD ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY OF INTERPRETATION BY US GROUPS OPPOSED TO CONTACTS WITH COMMUNISTS THAT US GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO PRESSURE THEM INTO SUCH MEETINGS. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR TO OTHER DELEGATIONS THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORCING EAST-WEST CONTACTS ON US GROUPS NOT OTHERWISE INTERESTED, BUT ARE READY TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE THOSE GROUPS WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN TRAVEL AND CONTACT.

3. THERE REMAINS ONE AREA WHERE AN OFFICIAL DISCLAIMER WILL BE NECESSARY TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING BY OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS. NOTWITHSTANDING GENERAL LANGUAGE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER CSCE TEXT, THE US HAS NO INTENTION AT PRESENT OF CHANGING ITS POLICY OF REFUSING TO ISSUE VISAS TO COMMUNIST LABOR UNION OFFICIALS. (FYI. THIS POLICY WAS REAFFIRMED AT HIGH LEVEL AS RECENTLY AS LAST FALL, WHEN US REFUSAL TO ISSUE A VISA TO A FINNISH COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONIST RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF A PLANNED VISIT TO THE US BY A SCANDINAVIAN TRADE UNION DELEGATION. THE POLICY HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN APPLIED EVEN THOUGH THE APPLICANT MAY HAVE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM SOME GROUP IN THIS COUNTRY. END FYI.) BEFORE AGREEING TO PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF A TRAVEL TEXT, YOU WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD NOTING THE ABOVE RESERVATION. KISSINGER

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